

REMARKS

Claims 1-17, 19-22 and 25-29 are pending in this application, with Claims 1-17, 19-22, 25, and 26 having been previously allowed. Claims 28 and 29 have been added to provide Applicants with a more complete scope of protection. Claims 1, 2, 19, 21, and 27 have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicants regard as their invention. Applicants note that these changes affect matters of form only and they do not narrow the scope of any of those claims. Claims 1, 17, 19, 21, and 27-29 are in independent form.

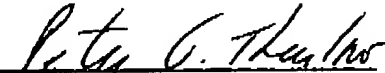
Applicants submit that Claim 28 is allowable at least because it includes the feature of a forming means for forming the secondary color while making the order of applications of the inks to at least one of a plurality of the secondary color pixel areas arranged along the raster scan direction different from the order of another, by said changing means, which is similar to the forming means of Claim 19, which was cited in the Reasons For Allowance section of the Notice of Allowance dated March 12, 2003, as the reason for allowing Claim 19.

Independent Claim 29 is a method claim that corresponds to apparatus Claim 28, and is believed to be patentable for at least the same reasons as discussed above in connection with Claim 28.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, and considering that all the claims are believed to contain allowable subject matter, Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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